



HOUSING SELECTION

Bates
Residence Life

Roommate Matching Guide

Please note this guide is for finding a roommate in your class year. Mixed class year groups are also possible - you can find more information on how to form mixed class year groups in the Spring Housing Selection Guide on the [Housing Selection website](#).

How to find a roommate in your class year

We highly suggest reaching out to your JA or CA to see if they know of anyone who is looking for a roommate. Additionally, talking to others in your social circles, clubs and orgs, or teams to see if they are looking for roommates or know others who are can be the most helpful. Residence Life typically hosts at least one roommate matching event each year - check out [the Housing Selection website](#) for more information. If all else fails, you can also seek out people who may also be looking for roommates via HouseCat during the Housing Selection process!

Please note that the following steps do not need to be completed in a single session on HouseCat. You can leave and log back in at any time to resume the step you're on.

1. Login to housecat.bates.edu.
2. Select "Housing Application" from the topbar.
3. Start to fill out the housing application.
4. On the page entitled "Student Housing Profile," you get to specify your daily living habits. Identifying your lifestyle accurately helps the system match you to students with similar lifestyle preferences. The questions will ask you provide:
 - Your social style
 - How you prefer to socialize
 - Whether you expect overnight guests
 - Whether you smoke
 - Whether you'd tolerate a smoker as a roommate
 - When you typically wake up
 - When you typically go to bed on weeknights
 - How you prefer to study
 - How tidy you tend to keep your room
 - How you like your room temperature
 - Your housing gender
5. Towards the bottom of the "Roommate Groups" page, you have two options - searching for or suggesting potential roommates.

- To search for potential roommates, select “Search for Potential Roommates Using Profile Matching.”

If you would like to enter Housing Selection in a group, please select 'Create Group' or you can join an existing group by searching for the student who is the Group Leader below.

[Create Group](#)
[Search for Other Students](#)
[Search for Potential Roommates using Profile Matching](#)
[Suggest Roommates using Profile Matching](#)

[Save & Continue](#)

This will allow you to use the same questions you answered to filter for potential roommates. Please note other students must already have an application to be searchable, and you can only search for students in your class year.

- To have HouseCat suggest potential roommates based on compatibility with your lifestyle questions, select “Suggest Roommate using Profile Matching.”

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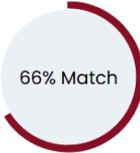
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Please note other students must already have an application to appear in the list of suggested roommates, and it will only show students in your class year.

6. Regardless of which of the two methods you choose, if profile matches are found, they will be displayed to you in a list that shows basic demographic information, the match percentage, and has three options: Join/Merge/Add to Group, Send Message, and View Profile.

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 (Group Leader)
 Class Year: 2027
 Housing Gender: Female
 Pronouns: she/her/hers



66% Match

[Join Group](#)

[Send Message](#)

[View Profile](#)

Note: depending on whether you created your own group and/or if another person looking for a roommate has created their own group, the top button will display either Join Group, Merge Group, or Add to Group. For example, if you created your own group, and someone in the list of profiles also created their own group, the button will say Merge Group.

- Selecting **Add to Group** will send the person a message that they’ve been added to your group, with a request to accept their position in the group.
- Selecting **Merge Group** will send a request to the group leader of the other group, with a request to accept merging your two groups together.

- Selecting **Join Group** will send the person a message that you're asking to be added to their group, with a request to accept your addition to their group.
 - Selecting **Send Message** will open a page that allows you to send an email directly to the person. We recommend that if you haven't talked to the person before, you send them a message. You can compose a friendly message like "Hey! I looked at your profile, and it looks like we might be compatible as roommates! Want to meet up at Commons to talk about it?"
 - Selecting **View Profile** will allow you to look at the person's responses to the lifestyle questions.
7. Once you've found someone that is interested in being your roommate, select the Join/Merge/Add to Group button and have them confirm your group status via their HouseCat portal. Then select "Save & Continue." Congratulations - you've found a roommate! You'll now wait for timeslots to be issued for your class year.

For more information on how to create and manage groups for Housing Selection, please check out the Spring Housing Selection Guide on the [Housing Selection website](#).